

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 6**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2002-040**  
**DATE: June 19, 2002      TIME: 10:00 a.m.**

**TO:** Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Drought/Fires - Dry conditions in areas of high fuel content have increased the potential for fire and drought throughout North Dakota.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: To date, the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has received reports of two fatalities and two injuries, both of which occurred during response to rural fires.
3. DAMAGES:  
As of June 9, the USDA-ND-Crop Report indicated 14 percent of average topsoil moisture supplies in North Dakota rated very short, 17 percent was listed as short, 62 percent was adequate, and 7 percent was in the surplus category.
4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On June 17, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency approved requests by Dickey, Kidder, McIntosh, and Morton counties to open Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land for grazing. On June 18, Burleigh, LaMoure, and Stutsman counties also received approval for grazing CRP acres.  
  
The Kidder County Commission issued an emergency drought declaration on June 18.  
  
The North Dakota Interagency Dispatch Center sent one engine from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and one US Forest Service firefighter to Colorado.
7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from the previous report.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous report.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local, tribal, federal and private entity emergency operations plans (EOPs) and procedures have been implemented.  
  
The N.D. Rural Fire Mitigation Guide is posted on the N.D. Division of Emergency Management web site at: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem/>.  
  
Information regarding fire weather forecasts can be found on the National Weather Service (NWS) web site at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/bis/fire.htm>.

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